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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS DEC 29, ACHEAMPONG HAS FOLLOWED UP
RECOGNITION OF MPLA WITH MESSAGE TO AMIN URGING CHANGE IN OAU
POSITION TO SUPPORT FOR MPLA AS THIS ONLY MEANS TO QUOTE HALT
SOUTH AFRICAN MEANCE AND DISCOURAGE FURTHER ESCALATION OF
OUTSIDE INTERVENTION UNQUOTE.

2. PRESS HOLIDAYS ON DEC 25, 26 AND 28 HAVE LIMITED
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EDITORIALIZING TO A DEGREE, BUT DEC 27 GHANAIAN TIMES PRINTED

FULL PAGE OF LETTERS TO EDITOR IN SUPPORT OF MPLA RECOGNITION AND INCLUDING ONE DIATRIBE AGAINST SECRETARY KISSINGER WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS QUOTE TRAITOR TO AFRICA UNQUOTE. SAME DAY GRAPHIC SUPPORTED DECISION AND WAS CRITICAL OF U.S. ROLE.

3. TIMES DEC 29 CONTINUED ATTACK ON SECRETARY UNDER HEADING QUOTE HEROD DIPLOMACY UNQUOTE AND PRINTS PICTURE WITH CAPTION QUOTE HENRY KISSINGER - WHO GLOATS OVER MPLA'S BLOOM UNQUOTE. BOTH PAPERS PUBLISH APPEALS FOR MATERIAL AND MANPOWER ASSISTANCE FROM GHANA TO MPLA.

4. CHIEF OF STAFF OKAI (WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF OAU CONCILIATION COMMISSION) SPOKE TO UP COUNTRY UNIT OF AFRICAN YOUTH COMMAND DEC 27 AND CALLED FOR END TO ALL REPEAT ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION. COMMENT: WE HAVE INDICATIONS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT NOT ALL SMC WAS UNITED BEHIND ACHEAMPONG'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE MPLA BUT THEIR POSITIONS WERE PRE-EMPTED BY HIS STAND. END COMMENT.

5. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS ALSO RECIPIENT OF DEC 22 AIDE MEMOIRE FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER FELLI, TOLD POLCOUNS THAT HE INTENDED TO PROTEST METHOD OF ANNOUNCING DECISION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DEMARCHE TO U.S. AND EC-9. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ASSURED EVENING OF DEC 22 BY MEMBER OF SMC (AIR FORCE CHIEF BEAUSOLEIL) THAT DECISION WAS SOME TIME OFF AND THAT GHANA FOR TIME BEING WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK FOR CONCILIATION AMONG FACTIONS.

6. LOCAL RUMOR MILL, WHICH MAY BE WORKING OVERTIME, ALLEGES THAT GHANA RECEIVED PAYOFF IN FORM OF MONEY OR REDUCED COST PETROLEUM FROM NIGERIA FOR RECOGNITION.
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